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number of deaths, 14; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers, mild type; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair. Strict inspection is being maintained by the local government on boats and small craft coming from points on the coast and infected ports.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 8	Laura .....	Stamford, Conn ..	8	1	.....	.....
9	Belize .....	Mobile .....	18	0	.....	.....
14	Axminster .....	New Orleans .....	21	0	.....	.....

#### CHINA.

#### *Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox and typhus fever at Niuchwang.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, August 16, as follows:

During the week ended August 12, 1905, 1 original and 3 supplemental bills of health were issued to 4 vessels, with an aggregate personnel of 350, of whom there were inspected 294 crew and 26 steerage passengers. One fatal case of illness on board was investigated, but the body, that of a Chinese fireman, was too badly decomposed to afford any information. The diagnosis in the case by the ship's surgeon was "heat stroke." Manifests were vised for 12,571 pieces of freight during the week, and 20 pieces, human hair for New York, were disinfected.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week 32 deaths from tuberculosis among the native population. This appears to have been the only communicable disease reported. The total mortality given was 2 foreigners and 144 natives.

Niuchwang reports, under date of August 5, 1905, smallpox 1 new case, total cases reported 3; typhus fever 7 new cases, 1 death, and 7 cases under treatment; total cases reported, 33. There were also reported 6 cases of dysentery. No quarantinable disease was reported from other outposts.

#### COLOMBIA.

#### *Report from Bogotá—Sanitary service to be established at seaports.*

The following is received from Consul-General Snyder under date of August 1: A decree was promulgated July 14, 1905, by the President of the Republic of Colombia, creating a port tax for providing the funds necessary for maintaining a sanitary service at the seaports to preserve public health from the invasion of epidemic disease.

#### *Report from Barranquilla—Puerto Colombia closed to arrivals from Colon on account of plague.*

Vice and Deputy Consul Strunz, jr., reports, September 5, as follows: The governor of this Department of the Atlantic has seen fit to close